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State commits to affordable housing

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CHELMSFORD -- The second phase of the Chelmsford Woods housing development has received funding from the state, the governor announced Monday.

The Littleton Road development will have 58 units in all, with most set aside for those earning less than 60 percent of the area median income, and six units reserved for those making less than 30 percent of the area median income.

The Chelmsford Housing Authority and Stratford Capital are overseeing the project, which stands just west of the Hunt Road intersection and the Kensington at Chelmsford housing development.

Chelmsford Woods' first phase opened last winter.

Another project northwest of Boston that was funded Monday is Ivory Keys Apartments in Leominster. The 41-unit development, a rehabilitation of a historical building, will have nine units set aside for those earning less than 30 percent of the area median income.

In Haverhill, the second phase of Tenney Place also received funding. That project includes 72 mixed-income units.

The announcement of funding from Gov. Charlie Baker's office Monday did not include funding totals for individual projects.

In all, 26 projects were awarded a combined \$31 million in tax credits and \$59 million in subsidies from the state's Department of Housing and Economic Development. The state estimated those funds will jump-start more than \$218 million in housing construction.

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Gov. Charlie Baker jokingly interrupted Sheila Dillon (center), director of the Department of Neighborhood Development for Boston, during her remarks celebrating a rental housing award announcement after she teased that funding "hasn't come in yet" for the next phase of redevelopment of 48 Boylston St. [Photo: Antonio Caban/SHNS]

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